

WASHINGTON COUNTY 2004 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Number of Farms	809	823	775
Average Size (acres)	153	154	161
Land in Farms (acres)	123,932	126,467	125,159
<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Cattle	41,875	40,224	42,681
Hogs	9,889	10,636	5,718
Sheep	1,897	1,595	1,489
<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
All Products (\$1,000)			59,577
Milk (\$1,000)			36,741
Cattle & Calves (\$1,000)			6,643
Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)			3,438
<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Average Age of Operator	51.0	52.5	53.6
Percent Female Operators	9.0	7.8	13.5
<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
Number of Equine Places			1,560
Equine Inventory			4,460
Value of Equine Inventory			\$12,295,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
Corn for Grain	12	Soybeans	16
Barley	4	Vegetables	12
Forage	2	Wheat	12

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
Beef Cattle	3	Milk Cows	2
Broilers	12	Sheep	6
Hogs	1		

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ Revised.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
Corn for Grain (bushels)	2002	14,000	72.6	1,016,300
	2003	14,000	115.0	1,610,000
	2004	11,500	161.2	1,853,700
Corn for Silage (tons)	2002	16,900	11.8	199,200
	2003	12,800	14.2	181,700
	2004	9,100	18.1	164,800
Soybeans (bushels)	2002	8,900	30.5	271,700
	2003	6,200	41.0	254,300
	2004	9,900	49.6	490,900
Wheat (bushels)	2002	5,000	56.8	284,200
	2003	2,900	40.6	117,700
	2004	3,800	51.4	195,320
Hay (tons)	2002	24,600	2.7	65,700
	2003	22,600	3.1	71,100
	2004	21,800	2.9	62,300
Barley (bushels)	2002	2,900	76.1	220,600
	2003	1,300	54.2	70,500
	2004	1,600	68.8	110,100

* Acreage too small to publish.

	2002	2003	2004
Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)	\$55.57	\$54.77	\$62.30

The National Agricultural Statistics Service is an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture working cooperatively with the Maryland Department of Agriculture in the collection of statistical data for Maryland agriculture. Most data collection results from the voluntary cooperation of Maryland's farmers and other industry representatives. All published results are available through contact with the Maryland Field Office in Annapolis or through their website. Any questions or comments should be directed to Norman Bennett, Director.